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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 031214PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/JP2005/002497	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>). 17 February 2005 (17.02.2005)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 18 February 2004 (18.02.2004)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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TRANSLATION

From the
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

To:

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

<p>Date of mailing (day/month/year)</p>		
<p>Applicant's or agent's file reference 031214PCT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below</p>	
<p>International application No. PCT/JP2005/002497</p>	<p>International filing date (day/month/year) 17.02.2005</p>	<p>Priority date (day/month/year) 18.02.2004</p>
<p>International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC</p>		
<p>Applicant DAI NIPPON PRINTING CO., LTD.</p>		

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. I	Basis of the opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. II	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VI	Certain documents cited
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language
_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

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a sequence listing

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table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

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in written format

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in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

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contained in the international application as filed.

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filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

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furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	5-14	YES
	Claims	1-4	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	5-14	YES
	Claims	1-4	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-14	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 40-026525 B1 (NGK Insulators, Ltd.), 17 November 1965

(1) The inventions relating to claims 1-4 do not appear to be novel based on document 1 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 discloses an artificial corundum crystal having a face 1011 (corresponding to a face 101) containing a seed crystal and a face 1120 (corresponding to a face 110), and an artificial corundum crystal (see Fig. 2(B)) corresponding to a hexagonal dipyramid.

Document 1 discloses a colorless artificial corundum crystal containing a seed crystal and an artificial corundum crystal comprising K_2CrO_4 added thereto as a colorant.

(2) The inventions relating to claims 5-14 appear to be novel and involve an inventive step over the documents cited in the ISR. A method for producing an artificial corundum crystal forming a hexagonal dipyramid as a basic shape by a flux evaporation method is not disclosed in any of the documents.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

The crystal face of the invention relating to claim 1 is unclear in whether it indicates a facet that has become notable as a result of crystal growth or a specific crystal face having a crystal structure identified by X-ray diffraction.